MRAC Board Meeting Minutes --- 1/26/09

6:41 PM
The minutes were read. Mark AB9CD noted that the missing part did not belong to the SoftRock kit purchased by the club. Al KC9IJJ moved to accept the amended minutes, and Brian K9LCQ seconded. Motion passed. The treasurer read the reports from November and December; Al KC9IJJ moved to accept both, and Brian K9LCQ seconded. This motion passed.

Dave Shank KA9WXN will be speaking on DTV in January, and has expressed interest in a program on DStar as well. No firm date has been set for Jerry K9HXA to give a program on automated antenna tuners; March or April is most likely. The SoftRock kit presentation will likely not be ready for a while yet. 'Websites II' is set for February unless a better program turns up.

Regarding the archives, Mark AB9CD suggested the board pick a date to review a cross-section of the materials and set some guidelines regarding which types of documents to keep and which to throw out, then set a separate date for volunteers to scan all documents and sort them based on the guidelines set by the board. Howard AB9FH agreed, and said he would e-mail some dates for the board to choose from (probably second or third week of February). The secretary stated that board meeting minutes are being electronically formatted and will be posted on yahoo!groups.

Currently, the phone bill is being forwarded to the treasurer's house. Following discussion regarding the location of the post office box, the president moved to authorize Mark AB9CD to move the club's post office box to Brown Deer if a box is available. Mark AB9CD seconded the motion, and it passed without opposition.

The board moved to the topic of electronic discussions and votes. Mark AB9CD stated he would write a proposed by-law change that would allow electronic meetings and votes to be conducted in the same manner as face-to-face meetings. Also concerning the by-laws, concern was expressed that the revision agreed upon in August had not yet occurred. Howard AB9FH said he would make the necessary changes and send a version to the board for approval.

Kudos were given to Brian K9LCQ for his work on the newsletter. Howard AB9FH hoped to speak to people regarding empty club positions before the Thursday meeting.

A local ham is working on a Morse code event at Discovery World. The club will not be getting involved, due to the short amount of time before it takes place, but the board agreed it was an idea worth bringing up again at a later date.

There was some discussion on how to design and produce a club QSL card.

Mike KC9CMT has volunteered to bring refreshments to Thursday's meeting.

Expenses for Field Day 2009 were discussed, and a limit set when the club budget is made.

No progress made on the RAIN report.

It was noted there was currently no club coordinated for Superfest; on a related topic, the board discussed getting a computer for the club, but no action was taken.

Brian K9LCQ moved to adjourn, and Al KC9IJJ seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.